

# IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 1, 2011

Noon

City Annex Building Conference Room  
680 Park Avenue

## Minutes

**Attending:** Julie Braun, Loretta Evans, Judy Mortimer, Roxane Mitro, Hereschell Mynarcik, Stephanie Rose; Dina Sallak, and Kim Smith. Renee Magee, and Debra Petty; staff.

### **Call to Order at 12:03 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mitro, seconded by Mynarcik, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2011 as presented. Motion passed.

**Winter Events:** Braun referenced the list of previously discussed ideas for winter events provided by Magee: City of Idaho Falls Past and Present; Boise Architecture Project; Researching Your Historic Home; and New Findings on Energy Efficiency of Historic Windows. Discussion focused on which of the events to select and how to narrow the scope of the topic to take advantage of the greatest cross section of the community, stay within budget, and stimulate interest in local historic preservation.

Of greatest interest to Whipple is the Boise Architecture Project, which will be discussed when he is present; while Braun considers the City of Idaho Falls Past and Present of great worth. Magee suggested focusing on the energy efficiency workshop for January or February, and March or April would work well for Idaho Falls Past and Present. This event will require a great deal of planning and work in order to be successful. By delaying this event until spring allows more time for preparation. The majority of the commission prefers separating the presentation and workshop into individual events. Should John Leeke be retained, it is best to omit the lecture and focus on the workshop only. Members would like to expand invitees to include employees of Parks and Recreation and Harriman Park.

Braun suggested Don Peeting, University of Oregon, and his protégé John Plank, Pilgrim's Progress, to instruct and provide a hands-on learning experience for energy efficient windows. It is a team effort; Peeting instructing while Plank demonstrates the techniques. Magee will check the probability of having the two of them participate in a local workshop. Including appropriate local vendors is advantageous as they are a great resource in locating materials suitable for restoration purposes, but it is difficult to get their participation.

Evans said suggested participating in teacher education seminars. She believes it is an opportunity for the commission to present a half-day workshop on historic preservation at no charge to the districts. Rose thinks it a great idea but suggested contacting district offices to get approval of administration.

Further discussion centered on how the commission could accomplish the suggested training. Braun said the reasons homes and businesses are extensively altered is the need for energy savings and thought it desirable to focus on historic places and energy savings. Mitro said her client is preparing to remove the plastic façade from the old Hudson's building and it would be a great location for a workshop.

Braun said there is a collective interest in historic commercial buildings and schools and individual interest in historic homes. She suggested focusing on an old photo along coupled with a new photo and discussing why certain types of materials are counterproductive to energy savings and may actually damage a home. Evans believes the best approach is to have the public bring in the photos for scanning and include memories. It will take time to work out logistics of the City of Idaho Falls Past and Present event in order to be most effective without keeping individuals from waiting for long periods. Braun suggested educating the public on the use of Flickr and let them post their own photos. Rose suggested making this an ongoing process.

Magee reiterated the initial process for planning each event and it will take hours of preparation time. Again, members of the commission want to keep the presentation separate from the hands-on portion, but Magee said it may be possible to limit the lecture portion and move into hands-on workshop. Sallak suggested working the process first which would then lead to a method for planning the event. Braun suggested tabling the discussion for the scanning project for another meeting.

**HPC Design Review:** In near future the commission will be asked to review and comment on three façade improvements funded by community development block grants in the downtown. It will be a discussion item for the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous:** None.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary